Joshua Thomas Smith

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Education

Master's – Utah State University – 3.8 GPA

Master's of the Science of Economics *2018*

Undergraduate – Utah State University – 3.9 GPA

Bachelor of Science of Economics *Spring 2017*
Bachelor of Science of Political Science *Spring 2017*

Experience

Research Manager – Center for Growth and Opportunity at USU *2017 – Present*

- Perform research, writing, fact checking, and editing for internal and external publications
- Direct and manage a team of graduate and undergraduate student researchers
- Assist in designing and creating the Center's research portfolio by identifying important policy questions in need of academic study

Policy Analyst – Strata *2014 – 2017*

- Perform research, writing, fact checking, and editing for Strata's professional publications
- Direct a team of researchers investigating the effects of energy policy
- Administer Strata's peer review process

Visiting Scholar at the Northwest University for Nationalities in China *May 2017*

- Taught four classes on economics and management to Chinese undergraduates in an English-speaking program
- Designed and conducted three economics and management activities and lectures outside of classes with the other visiting scholars
- Participated in cultural exchange programs and outings

Lead Graduate Research Assistant – Institute of Political Economy *April 2016 – August 2017*

- Managed a team of 5 undergraduate and graduate students working on academic projects with our faculty director
- Performed original academic research
- Designed and advance the Institute's research agenda

Undergraduate Writing Fellow *2015-2016*

- Tutor and edit student's papers
- Participated in a special class on editing and writing
- Designed a portfolio to help students learn to write by reading great writers

The Proscholium Project *2015*

- Developed, designed, and edited course curriculum and lesson plans for a new class at USU
- Presented the proposed course to the Dean of the business school and each of the department heads

Honors Teaching Fellow and UTF *2014 – 2016*

- Created and administered class activities
- Tutored 18 Honors students in an introductory microeconomics course
- Taught 6 class meetings when the professor was away attending conferences
- Assisted a professor teaching an introductory political theory class with about 60 students
- Helped a professor teach, grade, and direct an introductory economics class with over 300 students

Intern for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform *Summer of 2014*

- Assisted staff members with research
- Staffed committee hearings and wrote lines of questioning for committee hearings

Publications and Research

Academic Publications and Research

"Politics and Quality of Life: The Role of Well-Being in Political Outcomes." Yonk, Ryan; Smith, Josh T. Springer. 2018.

"Building an Index of Quality of Life." Yonk, Ryan; Smith, Josh T.; and Wardle, Arthur R. in Well-Being and Quality of Life. (Ed.) Ana Alice Vilas Boas. Book Chapter. InTech.

"Do US counties benefit from wilderness designation? Examining local government revenue and county expenditures." Yonk, Ryan; Simmons, Randy; Reale, Sarah; Smith, Josh T. Under review.

Working Papers

"Permissionless Innovation and Land-Use Regulation: How Zoning Frustrates Sustainability." Smith, Josh T.; Yonk, Ryan. Draft available on Research Gate.

"A Public Choice Exploration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act." Wardle, Arthur R. Smith, Josh T.; Yonk, Ryan. Draft available on Strata.org, Research Gate, and SSRN.

Policy Reports

"Practical Reforms to Provide Affordable Energy in New Hampshire". (November 13, 2017). Smith, Josh T. Warnes, Brian. *Strata Policy* and *Americans for Prosperity Foundation.*

Simmons, Randy; Yonk, Ryan; Hansen, Megan; Crabtree Matthew; Floyd, Jordan; Isom, Brian; Lee, Ryan; Patty, Grant; Funk, Melissa; Jensen, Michael; Smith, Josh T.; Stein, Devin. "The Unseen Costs of Natural Gas-Generated Electricity Energy." *Institute of Political Economy at Utah State University.* 2016.

Simmons, Randy; Yonk, Ryan; Hansen, Megan; Crabtree Matthew; Floyd, Jordan; Isom, Brian; Lee, Ryan; Patty, Grant; Funk, Melissa; Jensen, Michael; Smith, Josh T.; Stein, Devin. "The Unseen Costs of Coal-Generated Electricity." *Institute of Political Economy at Utah State University.* 2016.

Simmons, Randy; Yonk, Ryan; Hansen, Megan; Crabtree Matthew; Floyd, Jordan; Funk, Melissa; Jensen, Michael; Smith, Josh T. "The Unseen Costs of Solar-Generated Electricity." *Institute of Political Economy at Utah State University.* 2016.

Simmons, Randy; Yonk, Ryan; Hansen, Megan; Crabtree Matthew; Smith, Josh T.; Stein, Devin; Herzberg, Abigail; Patty, Grant. "The Unseen Costs of Wind-Generated Electricity." *Institute of Political Economy at Utah State University.* 2016.

Trade Journal Articles

"The Seen and Unseen of Energy Innovation: How Government Programs Discourage New Ideas." *Energy Today*. American Energy Society. Forthcoming (with Ryan Yonk)

Research Presentations

A Public Choice Exploration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
- Southern Economic Association; Florida, 2017; with Ryan Yonk and Arthur Wardle

Is Brexit an Example of Expressive Voting?
- Southern Economic Association; Florida, 2017; with William F. Shughart II

Zoning and Permissionless Innovation
- Southern Economic Association; Florida, 2017; with Ryan Yonk

Not so Generous: Federal Spending and Quality of Life
- Association of Private Enterprise Education; Hawaii, 2017; with Ryan Yonk

A Public Choice Exploration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
- Association of Private Enterprise Education; Hawaii, 2017; with Ryan Yonk and Arthur Wardle

Is Brexit an Example of Expressive Voting?
- Public Choice Society; New Orleans, 2017; with William F. Shughart II

Land-Use Regulations and Sustainability
- International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights, Hong Kong, March 2017; with Ryan Yonk

A Public Choice Exploration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference; New Orleans, 2017; with Ryan Yonk and Arthur Wardle

Economic Freedom and Women's Earnings and Labor Force Participation
- Economic Freedom Institute Conference, Manhattanville New York, 2016

Economic Freedom and Women's Earnings and Labor Force Participation
- Association of Private Enterprise Economics Annual Conference, Las Vegas, 2016

US Counties and Wilderness: Examining Local Government Revenue and County Expenditures
- Rural Development Conference Annual Conference, 2016

Quality of Life and Direct Democracy
- Utah Arts and Letters Annual Conference; Salt Lake City, Utah, 2016

Quality of Life and Direct Democracy
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference; Puerto Rico, 2016

The Unseen Costs of Electricity
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference; Puerto Rico, *2016*

Economic Freedom and Women's Earnings and Labor Force Participation
- Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 2016

Popular Press

"Dreamers are Worth the Wall." 2018, February 6. *Real Clear Policy*. Feigenbaum, James. Smith, Josh T.

"Fossil Fuels Necessary for Now." 2018, February 5. *Daily Caller*. Shughart, William F. II. Smith, Josh T.

"Let the market determine energy sources' futures." 2018, January 29. *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*. Smith, Josh T.

"Germany shows how shifting to renewable energy can backfire." 2018, January 17. *The Hill*. Simmons, Randy T, Smith, Josh T.

"Dreamers Deserve a Legislative Fix." 2017, December 19. *Real Clear Policy*. Smith, Josh T.

"Net metering deal comes at the expense of ratepayers." 2017, November 6. *Deseret News*. Smith, Josh T.

"Don't Shed Any Tears Over the Repeal of Cook County's Soda Tax." 2017, October 13. *The Beacon*. Shughart, William F. Smith, Josh T.

"Politics Sully Cost-Benefit Analysis of Regulations." 2017, October 10. *Inside Sources*. Harmer, Camille. Smith, Josh T.

"Dreamers need a legal path to citizenship." 2017, September 27. *Deseret News*. Smith, Josh T.

"Everyone is Missing Something in the Grid Study." 2017, September 14. *Real Clear Energy*. Smith, Josh T.

"Public Funding for Private Stadiums is Bad Policy." 2017, September 6. *Real Clear Sports*. Smith, Josh T.

"Fossil Fuel Subsidies Deter Innovation." 2017, August 29. *Real Clear Energy*. Smith, Josh T.

"Get Politics Out of Okaying Pipelines." 2017, August 28. *Real Clear Energy*. Smith, Josh T.

"Want to Save Species? Fix the Endangered Species Act." 2017, August 10. *Real Clear Policy*. Smith, Josh T.

"Philly moves the goalposts on soda tax." 2017, August 10. *Philly.com*. Shughart, William F. II. Smith, Josh T.

"Congressional Housing Subsidies Won't Lower DC Housing Prices, But Liberalizing Zoning Will." 2017, August 2. *Market Urbanism*. Smith, Josh T.

"What the Bastrom oil spill says about effective regulation." 2017, July 24. *Austin American-Statesman*. Smith, Josh T.

"The ban on flavored tobacco: San Francisco's nannies are at it again." 2017, July 6. *Orange County Register*. Shughart, William F. Smith, Josh T.

"Gov. Brian Sandoval did the right thing by vetoing stricter green portfolio standards for utilities." 2017, July 1. *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Smith, Josh T.

"Prosperity, Not Soda Taxes, Foster Good Health." 2017, June 7. *The Beacon*. Independent Institute. Shughart, William F. Smith, Josh T.

"Politicians Don't Understand Energy Economics." 2017, June 5. *FEE*. Smith, Josh T.

"Santa Fe's rejection of soda tax a win for public health." 2017, May 17. *The Hill*. Smith, Josh T., Shughart, William.

"Here Is The Simplest Way to Deter Illegal Immigrants." 2017, May 9. *Newsweek*. Smith, Josh T., Yonk, Ryan M. Also published in Yahoo News, the Foundation for Economic Education, and the Park Record.

"On the Environment, the Greatest Story Seldom Told." 2017, April 26. *Inside Sources*. Hansen, Megan, Smith, Josh T.

"Boosting energy sector is about more than just cutting regulations." 2017, April 6. *The Hill*. Smith, Josh T., Yonk, Ryan M.

"Taxing sugary soft drinks is paternalistic nonsense." 2016, December 16. *Orange County Register*. Shughart, William, Smith, Josh T.

"Oakland's voters should stop soda tax." 2016, October 25. *East Bay Times*. Smith, Josh T., Shughart, William.

"UK Deals Favors at Expense of Energy Consumers." 2016, October 10. *Inside Sources*. Smith, Josh T., Yonk, Ryan M.

"Stop Subsidizing Coal Plants." 2016, July 11. *Medium*. Smith, Josh T., Yonk, Ryan M.

"Subsidies cover up the cost of energy, whether green or fossil fuel." 2016, June 23. *The Hill*. Smith, Josh T., Yonk, Ryan M.

"Philadelphia's Proposed Soda Tax is Government Manipulation." 2016, May 12. *Daily Caller*. Smith, Josh T. Shughart, William.

"Old Enough to Choose a President, but Not to Buy Cigarettes?" 2016, May 12. *The Beacon*. Smith, Josh T. Shughart, William.

"Solar Power Investments Don't Pay Off." 2016, May 3. *Newsday*. Simmons, Randy T., Smith, Josh T.

"Public Lands and Political Order." 2016, March 9. *Inside Sources*. Yonk M., Ryan. Smith, Josh T.

"Soda Taxes morally, ethically bankrupt." 2016, March 3. *Orange County Register*. Smith, Josh T., Shughart, William F.

"Government forces taxpayers to subsidize alternative energy." 2016, January 5. *The Salt Lake Tribune*. Yonk M., Ryan. Smith, Josh T.

"How to Close the Revolving Door." 2015, October 27. *The Hill*. Yonk M., Ryan. Smith, Josh T.

"My View: Immigration Reform Doesn't Go Far Enough." 2013, November. *Deseret News*. Smith, Josh T.

Professional Development Activities

Liberty@Work *2016 – 2017*

- Liberty@Work is a yearlong intensive management training program
- Professional development program focused on improving and expanding my capabilities
- Created my own capstone course around time management and productivity techniques that I now use to teach and mentor the researchers I work with

Liberty Fund Seminars *2016*

- Attended a two-day discussion based seminar on public choice theory directed by Bonnie Wilson from Saint Louis University, Missouri
- Attended a week-long seminar based on readings and lectures from issue experts on free market environmentalism directed by the Property Environment Research Center in Bozeman Montana
- Attended a two-day seminar on 19th century French liberal economist Frédéric Bastiat hosted by Students for Liberty and directed by David M. Hart

Workshop in Classical Liberal Ideas *2016*

- Attended a week-long seminar on classical liberalism held in Prague and hosted by the Cevro Institute, a free market research center

Strata Student Development Series *2014 – Present*

- Research methods training
- Weekly readings, lectures, and discussions on economic theory
- Professionalism workshops on networking

Huntsman Scholars *2012 – 2016*

- Readings and discussions on economic, social, and cultural issues
- Organize and manage services projects focused on community needs

Huntsman Scholars Semester Study Abroad *Fall of 2014*

- As part of the Huntsman Scholars honors program I spent a month in Europe studying: government, international business, intercultural communication, comparative economic systems, and entrepreneurship
- Attended site briefings and business visits to examine the interaction between government and businesses and gain insights into how businesses run on a day-to-day basis

Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems *Summer of 2014*

- Summer semester at George Mason University run by the Fund for American Studies
- Development Events:
  - Graduate school preparation and seminar
  - Networking seminar
- Site Briefings:
  - CIA
  - Federal Reserve
  - World Bank
  - Public Affairs Council
- Special lectures by professors, politicians, and social activists